

## INDIANA AND MICHIGAN STATE HAPPENINGS

WANTS ARSON BUGS  
CONVICTED IN 1916Michigan Fire Marshal Makes  
Request to Juries of  
State.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 31.—Convictions in Michigan for arson in the last few years have been practically none. Jury after jury has freed men accused by the state fire marshal's department, even after some of them confessed.

So it happens, in a series of New Year's resolutions, which State Fire Marshal John T. Winship has published with the request that they be adopted, he has this one which he wants all the juries in the state to make use of and live up to:

"For many years in this state we have refused to convict in arson cases on circumstantial evidence even when we were thoroughly convinced the defendants were guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. We have allowed our verdicts to be influenced by sympathy for the prisoners or their families and we have taken the position, after listening to the arguments of the attorneys for the defendants, that the insurance companies, usually a foreign corporation, had accepted the premiums and should pay the loss, not realizing that insurance companies merely collect the premiums based upon the amount of property involved, and we, ourselves, and other honest policy holders pay out of our own pocket every dollar paid the man who burns his property for the insurance; we, therefore, resolve that in the future we will do our duty as our oaths require that the firebug may be given his just deserts."

"For housewives and mothers this resolution is suggested:

"I have just learned that every week 8,000 people are rendered homeless in this country and that each day nine persons meet their death because of fire, a majority of them being women and children and that this deplorable condition has many times brought about by the careless use of gasoline and kerosene. I hereby resolve, to make to-day and every day in the future fire-prevention day in my home and I will teach my children the necessity of observing all fire prevention rules. I will not allow them to play with matches or fire, neither will I leave my small children at home alone when there is a fire in the stove and above all I will use gasoline only in the open air as: 'Dry cleaning in the kitchen, With kerosene and gasoline. Doth fill the 'stuffs' man's pockets. Also the graveyard green."

The bunch of resolutions contains some for the mayor and board of aldermen, who are to pay more attention to the enforcement of the fire prevention laws; for the fire chief, who is to follow the lead of the mayor and aldermen; for the business man and property owner, who is to comply with all laws; for the school superintendent boards of education and teachers, who are to pay more attention to fire drills; for the local fire insurance agent, who is to look carefully into the reputation of everybody he insures; and for the firebug, who is asked to resolve to set fire to no more buildings.

## STOPS FUNERAL SERVICE

Protest Against Minister's Appearance Causes Removal of Body.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 31.—Funeral services for William Walling, a Civil war veteran, who died at Owensville, Ind., at the Old Union church, near Poseyville, were interrupted when certain members of the congregation, led by Claude Allison, a school teacher, and William Price, a farmer, strenuously objected to the Rev. Mr. Pursinger preaching the sermon. When the protest was served on the Walling family and the minister, about 200 people had assembled for the services and the pallbearers were ready to take the body to the church.

The body was taken to the Scullman cemetery, several miles distant, where the Rev. Mr. Pursinger, in the presence of the members of the family and several old soldiers, conducted the services.

## STOPS HEAVING OF SNOW

Anderson Man Gets Injunction Against Traction Co.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 31.—On petition of Charles E. Strout, a local merchant, the Union Traction Co. has been temporarily enjoined from heaving snow in ridges and piles in the streets of Anderson. The court will hear the petition for permanent injunction on Saturday next. Pending this hearing the traction company is enjoined from leaving snow in the street after brushing it from its car tracks.

Mr. Strout alleges that it has been the practice of the Union Traction Co. to brush the snow to each side of the street, and at street corners snow has been piled in the street. The plaintiff asserts that the ridges and heaps of snow constitute an obstruction to traffic.

PORT HURON, Mich.—Cecil Ann Baldock, five years old, of Ruby, is dead as the result of burns which she received while attempting to light a fire.

CHEST CAVED IN BUT  
HE WON THE BET.

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 31.—Peter Sensig, a large man, lies ill at his home near Gary with his chest caved in, two ribs broken and severe internal injuries, but he won his bet, John Zardos, a Herculean Roumanian, employed in the Standard steel car works, drifted in Sensig's roadhouse.

"I never yet met the man who could knock me down with one 'punch,'" said Sensig, and placing his hands on his hips, he set himself to take the blow. Zardos stepped back, and lunging forward, struck Sensig on the breast bone. Sensig staggered, but did not fall.

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SAVINGS OF WAITRESS  
RETURNED AFTER YEAR

Gary Woman Dismisses Court Action Against Employee After Settlement.

GARY, Ind., Dec. 31.—Helen Kars, pretty little Slavish waitress, who more than a year ago lost \$500, her entire savings, which she had entrusted to her employer, Mrs. Alice Parker, today received \$300 of the money and agreed to the dismissal of the suit of larceny against Mrs. Parker.

"I worked hard for the money," she said when the \$300 was handed her by her attorney D. E. Boone of Hammond today. "I have never been strong and the work was terribly hard but I wanted to get money enough so I would not have to work always."

Miss Kars was employed by Mrs. Parker in a boarding house at 323 Broadway. She had the money in the postal savings bank but was induced to draw it out by Mrs. Parker. The entire sum, \$510, was placed in Mrs. Parker's cash register. Not long afterwards the cash register disappeared. Detectives found it later covered with an old carpet on the back porch. Capt. George Nesbitt, who was interested in the case of the girl, employed Atty. Boone for her and Mrs. Parker was arrested. At her trial the jury stood eight to four for conviction, and disagreed. The second trial was scheduled to come up next week. Yesterday Mrs. Parker agreed to settle for \$300 and the money reached the young lady this morning.

BANDIT SAYS HE'S  
SORRY FOR GUARDS

Convict Sympathizes With Men Who Lost Jobs on His Account.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31.—James W. Clark, known in Michigan as the "Hotel Pontchartrain bandit," who kept a crowd of 200 at bay after trying to pass a stolen money order and escaped to Port Huron where he was arrested, is moved to sympathy by the discharge of two guards at the Leavenworth federal prison because of his last sensational escape from the officers. After his arrest in Port Huron Clark was sentenced to Leavenworth. While there he was wanted in Seattle to testify in the case of an accomplice who was charged with stealing money order blanks.

While the officers were taking Clark to Seattle he escaped from a moving train near Sand Point, Ore. Now he has written to the prison authorities and to the Detroit police urging that the Leavenworth guards be retained. "It was through no negligence of the guards," the letter states. "I could have escaped at any time if it had pleased me to do so."

The letters were mailed in San Francisco but the authorities believe Clark is now in South America, where he claims to have at one time headed an army of revolutionists.

## FINED FOR GAMBLING

Christmas Eve Celebrants Get Suspended Sentences.

WINCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 31.—Four men pleaded guilty before Judge Theodore Shockney in the court here yesterday to charges resulting from raids on three alleged games of chance on Christmas eve. Ten men were arrested at the time.

Clarence Bolander, proprietor of a pool and billiard hall, was fined \$50 and costs and sentenced to serve six months on the Indiana state farm on a charge of keeping a gaming house. The sentence was suspended on condition that he rid himself of the pool and billiard business at the expiration of his lease on the room which his place of business now occupies. In the meantime he is to permit no minors to enter his place.

James Murray, proprietor of a restaurant in N. Main st., also was fined \$50 and costs and sentenced to serve six months on the state farm. The sentence was suspended during his good behavior. Brant Davison and Everett Davison each were fined \$50 and costs for renting a gaming house.

"Gambling will not be tolerated in any part of the county," Sheriff Hennings said last night. The grand jury will in session the latter part of next month, and it would not be surprising should indictments be returned that charge business men in other towns and villages of the county with similar law violations.

CHARGES TWO DOLLARS  
FOR JITNEY BUS TRIP

Appeal That Price is "Unconstitutional" Falls on Deaf Ears at Police Station.

ELKHART, Dec. 30.—Two dollars for a 15-mile ride in a jitney bus was declared by the complainant to be "unconstitutional." His appeal to the police to make an example of the jitney fell on deaf ears. He admitted that no bargain had been made in advance, but claimed that he should not have been charged more than 10 cents—a nickel each way.

The complainant appeared at the police station much wrought up, not only by the "extortionate fee," but by some refreshments that evidently had cost him at least two jitneys each "trip," of which there had been several.

He said he ordered the jitney to take him to a house seven miles in the country, where he had a short errand. The jitney surprised him by demanding \$1.00 for the out trip, and another dollar for the return, which included an extra mile to the passenger's home in northeast Elkhart.

Charles E. Crane, who was a resident of Elkhart from 1899 until 1907, died in his home at Detroit, Thursday morning, a victim of apoplexy. Mr. Crane had been in poor health for some time, but his final loss of strength was rapid, during the last few days.

The burial will take place in Grace Lawn cemetery, this city, beside the grave of Mrs. Crane, who died about 14 years ago. Mr. Crane's body will be brought here Friday night, and the service will be conducted in Stephens' chapel at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, Rev. A. U. Ogilvie of the Congregational church officiating.

Surviving Mr. Crane are five children: Leland J. Adelaide S. and Clara L. Crane of Detroit, and Mrs. Harriet, Graham and George A. Crane of South Bend. Mr. Graham was born in South Bend Thursday morning to arrange for the funeral.

Mr. Crane, who located here in 1899, came here to assume charge of the hardware business of Alexander Pope, a business he conducted until 1903. The family moved to Detroit in 1907. Mr. Crane was a genial man, a good citizen and an unusually affectionate father. He had many friends in this city.

William Martin Hovey of Howard st., 67 years old, and a civil war veteran, died at his home Wednesday evening. Death was caused by Bright's disease after an illness of several months.

Mr. Hovey was born in Goshen on Aug. 11, 1848. Before his retirement from active work because of failing health, he was a yardmaster in Toledo. He had lived in this city about a year. Mr. Hovey was a member of Forsythe post, G. A. R., of Toledo.

Surviving Mr. Hovey are his wife, Minnie Hovey, three sons, John, George and Charles Hovey; two daughters, Mrs. William Kinkel and Mrs. John Burkett; a brother, George Hovey, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Phillips, all of whom live in Toledo.

Bedlam broke loose in Hoffman's hall Wednesday afternoon, but it wasn't a riot—only 123 poor children of the city participating in their annual Christmas party as the guests of St. John's Episcopal Sunday school and parish.

For three hours the kiddies did all sorts of things—they romped and played, they heard stories by Miss Georgia Brown and music by Mrs. Brenda Fischer McCann; they heard Rev. Father W. W. Daup tell the story of the Christ Child in the manger and Santa Claus (impersonated by Frank Brodrick) tell of his wonderful trip over the world on Christmas eve.

## DEATH RECORD BROKEN

Twenty Inmates of State Soldiers' Home Die in December.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 30.—Twenty inmates of the state soldiers' home here have died since Dec. 1, the largest number in that length of time since the institution opened 20 years ago.

The enrollment today was about 950. In addition, there are 119 employees and 250 members who are away, or on the waiting list unable to get in because the home is full. D. B. Kehler, the commandant, says that a large percentage of the membership is on the sick and infirm list.

SMALL BOY ESCAPES  
FROM STATE HOSPITAL

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 31.—Paul Beebe, 12-year-old son of John Beebe of this city, who escaped from the university hospital, Ann Arbor, last night, reached his home here about midnight, having returned to the city on the electric railway. The jury will be in session the latter part of next month, and it would not be surprising should indictments be returned that charge business men in other towns and villages of the county with similar law violations.

GREAT GRANDFATHER  
BECOMES A PAPA.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 31.—Not many great grandfathers can boast of having a bouncing baby daughter, but Fred Landes, a farmer northeast of Lafayette, holds this record. Landes, who is a Civil war veteran, 74 years old, was for many years a widower. A year ago, however, he married a young woman he had known for years. Yesterday a baby daughter was born to them. Landes has a number of grandchildren and one great grandchild. He says he is prouder of his new youngster than he was of any of the others.

DEFENSE QUITS, AS THE  
JURY FAILS TO AGREE

No Verdict in First Cases of Gambling Trials at Flint.

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 31.—Though the lawyers for the defense refused to put in any testimony or make any arguments in the case against John Coppernoll, charged with keeping a place for gambling, a jury in Justice Torrey's court announced a disagreement after being out for an hour. The jury stood three to three.

The case against Coppernoll was brought as the result of activities of the "Committee of Thirty," organized following a series of revival meetings here. Four members of the committee gathered in the case yesterday. They told of witnessing a man playing a penny slot machine in Coppernoll's pool room and said they saw the man win and lose on the machine.

Attorneys for the defense yesterday morning asked to have the case adjourned, declaring they were not prepared. When their request was refused to help select a jury to try their client, Justice Torrey appointed another attorney, who happened to be in the court, to select the jury for the defense. The case was adjourned until afternoon and the attorneys then asked to have the case dismissed, declaring that the judge had had the jury selected in the wrong manner.

The court overruled the motion and the case proceeded, the attorneys for the defense and their client refusing to take any part in the trial. The jury was out for about an hour and then announced the disagreement.

A new trial of the case has been set for Jan. 19.

## STATE BRIEFS

BAY CITY, Mich.—Bay City's new combination automobile fire fighting apparatus went into service Wednesday. The machine cost \$10,000.

ST. IGNACE, Mich.—Judge Shepard has used the Mackinac county "dry" a request to compel a referendum on local option at the spring election.

PORT HURON, Mich.—As a result of the ruling of Atty. Gen. Fellows that the 1915 legislature had the right to change the route of the trunk line highway to include Algonac, the state will lose about \$500 for a survey which was made of the old route, and the county will lose \$600 paid for culverts.

FLINT, Mich.—Police have been asked to seek Mrs. O. H. Jewell, 63 years old, of Lansing, who disappeared after leaving the home of Mrs. Mabel Steel here to return to Lansing. Her husband came here to meet her and found she had already left. When he returned to Lansing he found she had not yet arrived.

URGES NITROGEN PLANT  
FOR UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Brig. Gen. Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordnance of the war department, has recommended that the U. S. government undertake through private enterprise or through government plants to develop the electrical process of extracting nitrogen from the air.

Such a plan, says Gen. Crozier, would make the United States powder plants independent of the Chilean supply of nitrogen. An independent source of nitrogen in time of war would be invaluable to this country.



BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM CROZIER

YOUNG WOMEN ARE  
ATTACKED BY THIEVES

One Loses Purse But Other Frightens Man Away. Police Investigate.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—Two young women, one of whom was robbed of a silver meshbag containing \$3, were attacked by purse snatchers, one white and the other colored, in different neighborhoods, last night. The victims were Miss Blanche Dicks, 835 N. Capitol av., and Miss Hazel Dinkinger, 2121 Bellefontaine st. The police investigated the attacks, but as in the score of similar cases preceding them, were unable to make any arrests.

Miss Dicks and a girl companion, alighted from an Illinois st. car, at Pratt st., and walked west to Capitol av. As they turned north from Pratt st., in Capitol av., they noticed a colored man standing on an opposite corner, but paid no further attention to him. Miss Dicks, who was walking on the inside of the sidewalk, was carrying a small purse and a silver mesh bag in her right hand. When a short distance from the house where she rooms the negro ran past her and seized the meshbag.

Negro Jostled Her. Miss Dicks said that the negro jostled her as he ran past, and that she did not realize that her meshbag had been taken until she arrived at the door of her home. She said the bag contained about \$3 and a few pieces of jewelry. The negro ran between two houses, a short distance farther up the street, and disappeared.

Miss Dicks reported the robbery to the police and gave them a description of her assailant. Bicyclemen traced the colored man's footprints in the snow as far east as Muskingum st. The trail was lost at that point and the police were forced to abandon further search.

Seized Her by the Throat. Miss Dinkinger was on the way from the home of her brother, Clarence Dinkinger, 1216 Blaine av., to the home of Walter Higgins, 1341 Reinsner st. She said she had not gone far from her brother's home when a white man, carrying his cap, walked toward her from the opposite side of the street. The man seized her by the throat with one hand, she said, and attempted to get her pocketbook with the other.

Miss Dinkinger said she screamed, and that the man ran north in Blaine av. He did not take her purse. Lieut. Fletcher and a squad of policemen investigated the accident, but were unable to find any traces of the fugitive.

## MUCH MAIL SEIZED

English Take 582 Bags of U. S. Letters.

BERLIN (via Sayville), Dec. 31.—The English took 582 mail bags containing letters from the United States off the Dutch steamer Nieuw Amsterdam which arrived at Amsterdam Thursday.

According to the Nieuw Courant, of The Hague, the English in the last few weeks have seized about 2,000 Dutch mail bags in violation of international law.

Only part of the mail taken from the steamer Frisia has been returned. The rest is still in England.

## IRA A. SANKEY DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Ira A. Sankey, son of the late Ira D. Sankey, the famous singing evangelist, died aboard the steamship Kranks, bound for South America, on Wednesday. Two hours earlier he had left this port on a honeymoon trip against the advice of his physicians.

Mr. Sankey was a member of the music publishing house of Biglow and Main of this city. His first wife, Frances Wann Sankey, divorced him last June at Bridgeport, Conn. She was awarded \$10,500 and \$40 a week alimony.

On Monday of last week Mr. Sankey married Mrs. Anna Underhill Meighan, daughter of John Quincy Underhill of New Rochelle.

## RAISES FIFTEEN MILLION

London Paper's Red Cross Fund Big Success.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—After 15 months of collecting, the Times Red Cross fund today reached the stupendous total of \$15,000,000. This is by far the largest fund ever fathered by a single newspaper.

Go to Church Sunday, Jan. 2. —Adv.

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duced to  
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